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Brian Eggeston

When asked to identify who he is, Brian has been known to bellow out, "I'm John & Delores' eldest boy." His jovial and carefree demeanor are but a mere facade for this rising writer. "I like to make people smile and feel comfortable because this thing that I do is not about me. Not about the accolades I can collect nor the notoriety I can attain. It's about the transferal of emotion through words."

Brian attended Tennessee State University, where he earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Post college, he began work as an engineer for Thomson Consumer Electronics and then for Motorola, Inc. In 2001, Brian left his engineering job and gave up \$15,000 in Motorola stock to become a writer.

Writing became a solution to boredom for Brian. During the summer months of college, he worked at Kinko's and during his off days he would use the store's computers to compose literature. He wrote a short story that became a long story and the long story ultimately transpired into his first novel. Ten years later Brian has published five novels including the highly popular *Whippins*, *Switches & Peach Cobbler* as well as the instant classic, *Granddaddy's Dirt*.

Brian has been a commentator for National Public Radio, and a featured author for Georgia Public Broadcasting's Cover to Cover book program. Essence magazine listed *Granddaddy's Dirt* as one of its bestsellers and Rolling Magazine chose the same novel as one of its top page turners for 2002. *Granddaddy's Dirt* was also nominated for the Townsend Prize for fiction and the National Book Award.

Brian has conducted numerous readings, lectures, and workshops for audiences ranging in ages from 8 to 80. He has spoken at a variety of venues such as retirement communities, nationwide radio broadcasts, television shows, and prisons.

When asked about his long term goals as a writer, Brian will tell you, he simply wants to leave a legacy. "I look forward to being read by your grandchildren and your grandchildren's children."

He lives with his lovely wife, Latise, in Stone Mountain, Georgia.